

Service of Worship

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023



Welcome to Advent Lutheran Church! Advent is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We give thanks that you are worshipping with us today. All are welcome in this house – in-person and on our Facebook livestream. We welcome you wherever you are on your spiritual journey, be it for an hour, a season, or a lifetime! Our hope is that you will experience God’s love today in Word and Sacrament, through the amazing grace of Jesus Christ. Everything you need for the worship service is printed in the bulletin.

Looking for a church home? You are invited to become part of the Advent community. Come back again! Need more information about our ministry? Make yourself known to Advent by filling out a green contact/prayer card, by adding a comment on Facebook, or by emailing the church. You can also visit our website: www.adventlc.us or make an appointment with Pastor Alex. We’d love to know how we can be in ministry together!



PRAYER CONCERNS

We keep the following persons in prayer



Rev. Anna Anderson (former Pastor)
Douglas Bennett (brother of Shelley Bennett)
Sandra Bradley (mother of Mark Duncan)
Jacqui Fogg (member)
Warren Hageman (member)
Ellie Holsopple (member)
Jenny Jones (friend of the Falksens)
Kathryn “Kate” Juhl (member)
Ben Levisky (cousin of Joy Duncan)

Janet Osborne (friend of Ingrid Berdahl)
Amora Ovalles (family friend of the Lovells)
Chick Picard (Pastor Anna's brother-in-law)
Lawrence Sutton (cousin of Nancy Jairrels)
Jean Wetzel (mother of Joy Duncan)
Bill Wentz (cousin of Joy Duncan)
Becky Wilfinger (friend of Marilyn Falksen)

For those deployed to serve this country:
Kevin Messer (friend of Advent)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

S. Glick

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross (signified with this ✠), the sign marked at baptism.

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence for personal reflection.

P Holy One, source of our renewal,

C **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✠ Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.

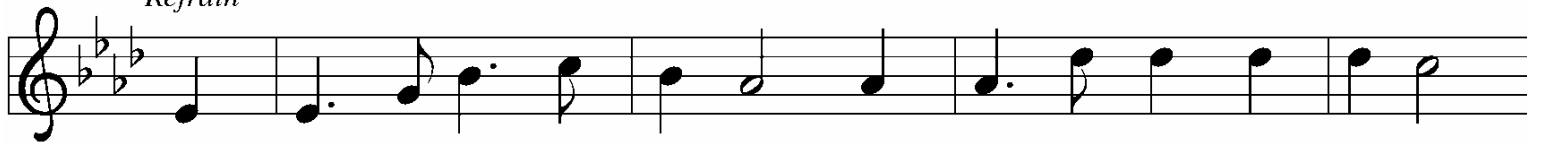


I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

Reader: A reading from Isaiah

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

(Assisting minister reads light print; congregation reads bold.)

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”**

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Reader: A reading from 1st Corinthians

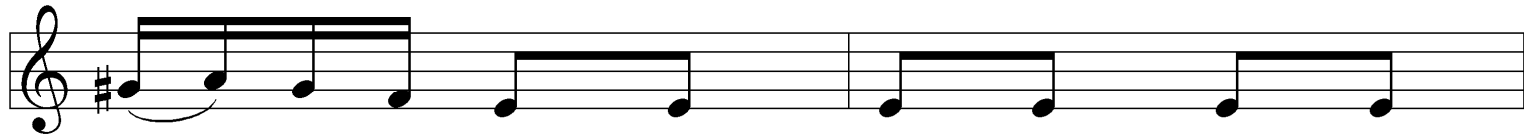
¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,



o - pen your ears and hear God's Word. O - pen your hearts, O



roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.

Refrain



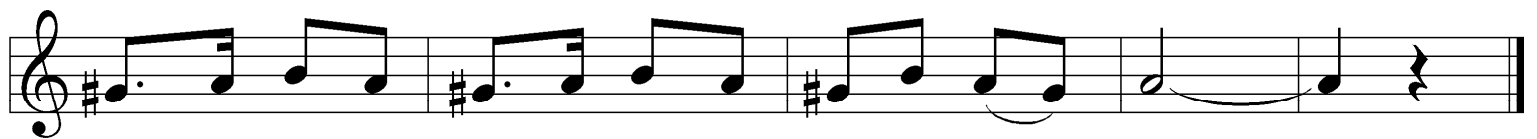
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Hasidic traditional; English text, Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930

Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

Please be seated

SERMON

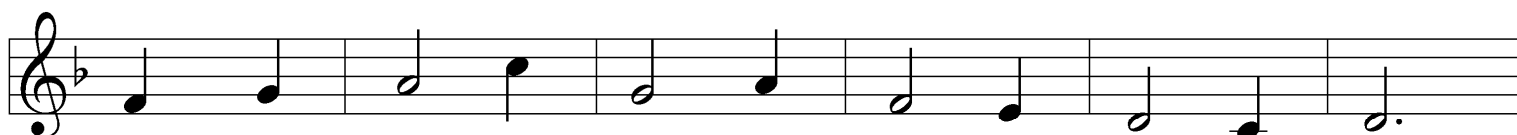
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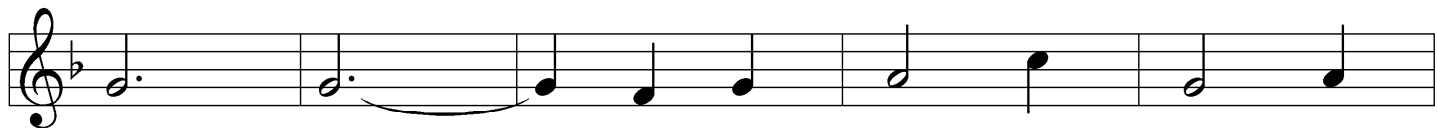
HYMN OF THE DAY

The Summons

ELW 798



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



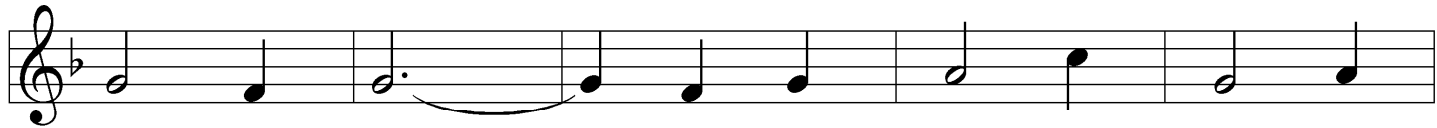
your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 prayer in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John Bell
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional; adapt. John Bell

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APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, eternal, almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the only begotten one;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, lived and loved among us,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
who descended into hell,
and on the third day rose from the dead;
Jesus, our Savior, ascended into heaven,
sits at the right hand of the loving God,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church,
the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

A brief silence. After each petition please respond:

A God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join
them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen**

MEAL

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We greet one another with a gesture of peace.

Offering the peace of Christ is far more than a handshake and a greeting to someone you haven't seen since last Sunday. It is the embodiment of conflicts forgiven, wars ended, even death destroyed. Jesus's resurrection offers true peace.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Pastorella

F. W. Marpurg

The Offering represents a shift in our worship time. We change from a time of hearing and learning God's Word, to a time of action. We share of our time and resources – and our very selves. We recognize God's grace in our lives and respond with our offerings. All are invited to respond to God with joyful hearts by giving regularly or tithing (giving proportionally) by placing your gifts in the collection plate, or by making electronic donations using our website at www.adventlc.us (look for the "Giving" option on the home page). We also use Simply Giving for regular, automatic electronic donations. Please reach out to the church office for the necessary forms! In whatever way you support Advent, know that we are thankful for your faithfulness and trust in God.

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful
(Please see graphic next page)

ELW 184





Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C **O God, maker of all things.**

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, our time, and our possessions.**

**Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,**

through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). The first staff contains two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff contains two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff contains one measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff contains one measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold.

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P It is indeed right ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord most ho - ly, God of pow'r and God of might:

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one flat). The lyrics are written below the notes: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord most ho - ly, God of pow'r and God of might:'. The notes are mostly quarter notes with some eighth notes.





heav'n and earth re - veal your glo - ry. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!



Bless - ed be the com - ing Sav - ior. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!

Text: metrical Sanctus, Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P . . . now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins*

*as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Supper here at Advent. Wine and white grape juice are available by individual cup. Gluten-free communion hosts are also available upon request. If you do not commune, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. We ask that you please maintain a safe distance as we commune. Hand sanitizer is available at the usher's stand.

*As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen***

P The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

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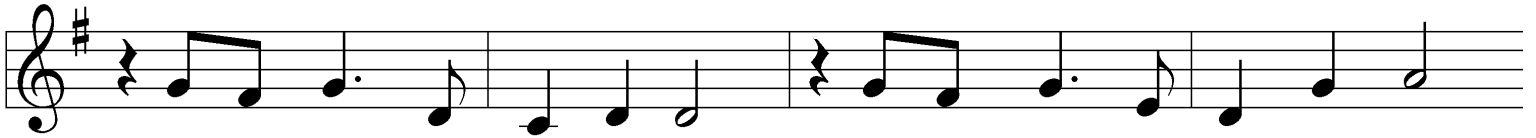




1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

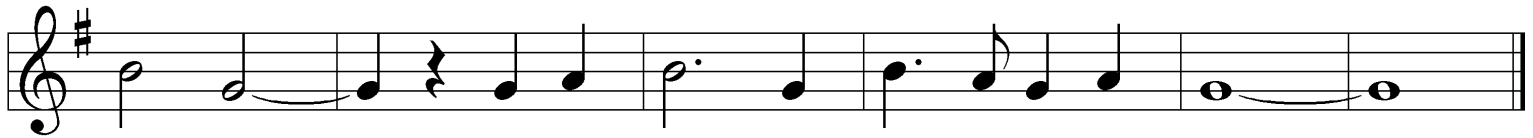
Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel Schutte

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel Schutte

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Please stand as you are able

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise
(Please sing twice)

ELW 205



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho-ly name.



Send us with your prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia.
(Lent:) A-men, a-men.

Text: John Arthur, 1922–1980, alt., based on Ps. 105

Music: James Capers, b. 1948

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **God our redeemer,
you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
As you have gathered us in joy,
send us forth as messengers of your peace.
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Please be seated

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

BLESSING

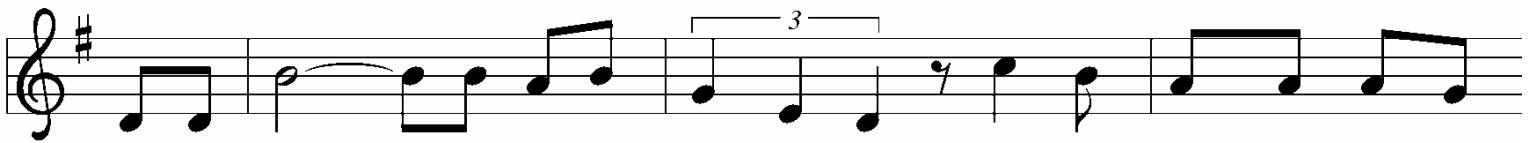
P God bless you and keep you,
✠ Jesus grant you grace and truth,
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,
now and forever.

C **Amen**

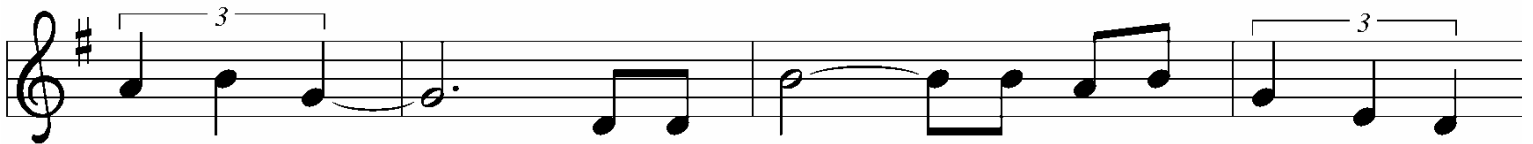
RECESSIONAL HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light

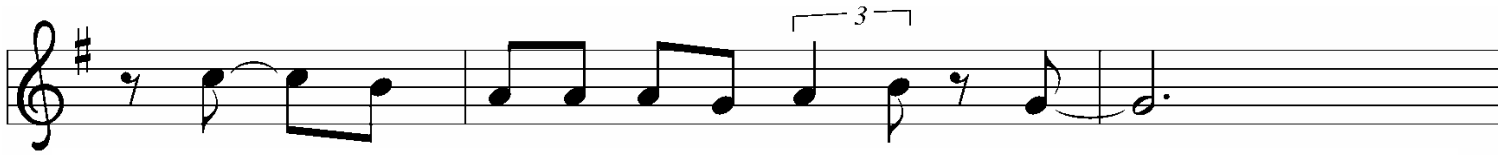
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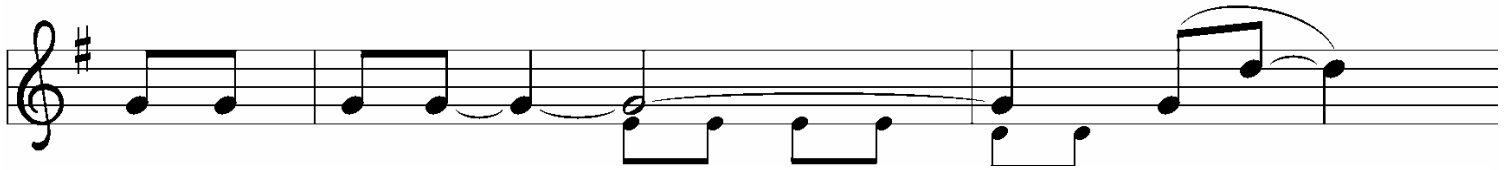
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



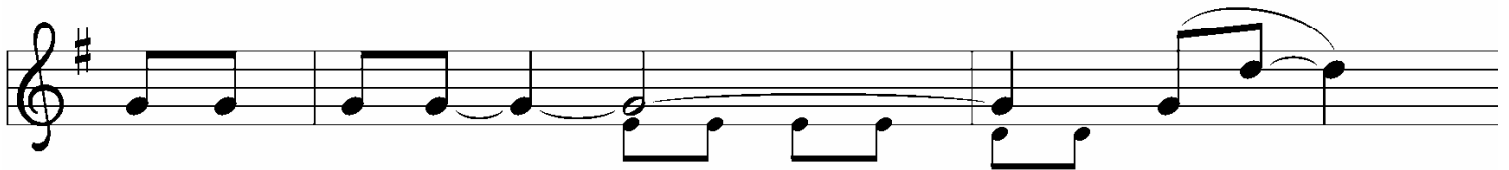
we are march-ing in the light of God.



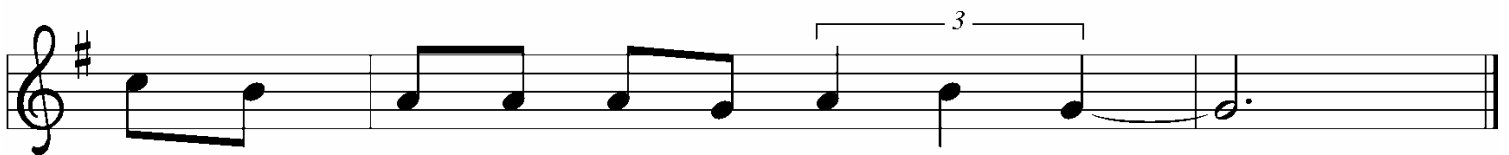
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march-ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

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Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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DISMISSAL

P This service has ended. Now our service begins.

A Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Care for and serve one another and our neighbors near and far!

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Earth and All Stars

P. Manz

*Weekly announcements may be found
in today's bulletin insert.*



We give thanks for those assisting with worship today . . .

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Pastor | Rev. Alex Stall, Jr. | Organist | Eric Sparks |
| Assisting Minister | Eric Heigis | Videographer | Shane Gainer |
| Altar Guild | Lydia Suarez | Social Hour Host | Rick Hawn |
| Greeter | Anna Jacob | Counters | David Falksen and |
| Usher | Nancy Jairrels | | Nancy Jairrels |



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